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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Republican Congressional Committee of the First Congressional District will meet at the office of the secretary, 1417 Chapline street, Wheeling, on Tuesday, June 1, at 7:30 p. m., to fix the time and place and complete the arrangements for a convention to nominate a candidate for Congress.

C. D. ELLIOT, Chairman.
W. J. W. COWDEN, Secretary.

Yesterday's Quiet.

Though there was a famine of important developments again yesterday, the indications concerning the situation in the West Indies were in the direction that the elusive Spanish fleet is pretty soon to find itself in a critical condition, if it is not already there. It appears that while Cervera has been keeping out of the way of the American vessels he has also been exhausting his supplies, particularly his supply of coal, which is as essential in naval warfare as ammunition.

The movements of our own squadrons have been as much of a mystery as ever, but there is a feeling at Washington that a climax is approaching which may soon relieve the public curiosity as to what is going to happen. There is no anxiety manifested by the authorities, who seem to be well enough in touch with the situation to be satisfied with it.

Transports for the conveyance of the land forces to Cuba are at Key West, which is an indication that this important movement is soon to be made, while reports from Washington bear out that theory. In the absence of official announcements. A few hours or a few days may bring important news from southern waters. It all depends upon movements that are now taking place, and of which there is no means outside of government circles of obtaining any knowledge. It is not wise to rely upon mere rumors.

A Wise Future Policy.

It is announced upon apparently good authority from Washington that the administration and many senators and representatives favor a future policy which will make the United States a first class naval power. It has taken the present crisis to bring the country to its senses in this particular. Had such a policy, long advocated by some of our wisest statesmen and our naval and military authorities, been adopted in the past, we would not be at war with a fifth class power in Europe, nor would we have cause to apprehend serious difficulty with any other sort of power.

A policy for the future constructed on lines such as are now being discussed will be the surest means of preserving peace with all the world. As the United States expands its influence and power, commercially, the necessity for these safeguards, and for the better and peaceable maintenance of the supremacy in trade and commerce which we are bound to assume, though without territorial aggrandizement, becomes more and more apparent.

The war we are now engaged in is of a character and under circumstances which may never occur again, but other kinds of emergencies may arise in the future, and it is essential to the peaceful settlement of international complications that we may always be prepared for emergencies. The expense would be justifiable, and would be found to be a wise measure of economy in the end.

The same principle will apply to our military department. It is not necessary for us to maintain a vast standing army, such as is required in other countries, but certainly, the experience of the past sixty days has demonstrated that a more adequate force than we have, for a country so large and with so many interests, is necessary. The reserve force we have in the shape of the National Guard and the militia is well enough, but emergencies may arise when time and quick action are urgently required.

An army constructed on a somewhat broader basis, and the maintenance of more adequate coast defenses than we have had, are just as important in the matter of insuring the maintenance of peace as is a strong navy. This was the advice of the fathers of the republic. If we are to maintain our position as a peaceful Nation we must always be prepared for the national defense, not as an armed camp, menacing our neighbors, but as a protector of peace and as a progressive Nation on the lines of civilization.

It is no discredit to the statesmen at Washington that they have learned the lesson of experience from the history of the past two months. The United States is a conservative Nation, and its people are a patriotic and conservative people. This conservatism is not endangered by observing the first law of Nature—self-

preservation, and the surest guarantee of peace—to be always prepared for any emergency.

Correspondents who Misunderstand.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Times is either ignorant of the declared intention of the United States with regard to the purpose of intervention in Cuba's behalf, or he has permitted himself to be influenced by Spanish misconceptions of the intent of this country. Perhaps, again, when he declares that it is doubtful whether Cuban insurgents will fight for the Americans, or whether Gomez will boldly declare against American annexation, he is a victim of the Madrid press censor.

The United States has announced no intention of annexing Cuba. On the contrary, the emphatic declaration of this country is that the purpose of intervention is to secure Cuban freedom, and to establish on the island a stable republican form of government. It is not the purpose, and the idea is repudiated, that this war is being made a war of aggrandizement.

If Spanish leaders and foreign writers who sympathize with the Spanish cause, hope to influence public opinion in Europe, or the sympathy of European powers, by misrepresenting either the purpose or the attitude of the United States they will fail. They must try some other tactics, for it cannot be assumed that the European powers are entirely ignorant of the expressed intention of the United States.

The Madrid correspondents of the London papers are surrounded by Spanish influences, and while their sympathies are naturally with this country, they are possibly under some restraint in expressing their real sentiments in dispatches that must pass through Spanish hands. The London papers, in their editorial expressions, as a rule, do not echo the opinions of their Madrid correspondents.

Captain Jack on the Yukon.

A remarkably interesting and instructive letter from the Yukon region, written by Capt. Jack Crawford, the noted poet scout, and so well known to our readers, appears elsewhere in the Intelligencer. Captain Jack notifies us that he will write occasionally to the Intelligencer, not as a special correspondent, but in a friendly way, not alone for this paper, but for its readers in Wheeling and West Virginia, for whom he has such kindly feelings, and of whom he has such pleasant recollections.

Coming in this way, Captain Jack's letters will be of extraordinary interest, for they are in his characteristic, free-handed style, with the touches of humor and thrilling descriptions which have made him so popular on the lecture platform. His thrilling ascent of the dangerous and famous Chilcot pass, just after some terrible slides, reported some time since, in defiance of solemn warnings he had received not to attempt to make the summit, and his sliding back to the bottom of the hill, narrowly escaping with his life, are treated as a mere incident, which, in his own quaint way, he declares he "wouldn't have missed for a thousand dollars."

In his first letter Captain Jack consumes much of his time giving some valuable pointers concerning the cost of getting to the Yukon region, and hints to the tenderfoots who may be contemplating the journey regarding the routes and how to save money on the trip. These letters from Captain Jack will undoubtedly be read with great interest, all the more so because he addresses the reader in a manner that wins his confidence. He points out the dangers as well as the advantages, and is free from the stereotyped enthusiasm so characteristic of the Klondike boomer.

To Dewey's Aid.

The start of the relief expeditions to Manila, and the reinforcements of troops that are being sent, relieves the suspense which some people were under for fear that valuable time would be lost. Considering all circumstances, as great haste in these preparations as was possible has been made. It is no small matter to select and equip for a long campaign in a tropical climate, and a trip of nearly seven thousand miles by sea a volunteer force of picked men for so important a mission, and, in the opinion of competent military men, the work has been accomplished as promptly as could have been expected.

The expedition is intended for no easy task. The troops are not seasoned to the climate they are to experience, but they have been picked with a view to getting those who are best able to endure the possibilities that may arise. With them will go the Godspeeds of an entire Nation, and their arrival will be welcomed by the gallant commander of the American fleet who has so splendidly paved the way for them.

A Good Appointment.

The announcement that Hon. John W. Mason, of Fairmont, will be appointed a judge advocate in the volunteer army will be received with pleasure by his many friends in the state. Mr. Mason's well-known legal knowledge, as well as his military experience, acquired during the civil war, in which he served gallantly in the artillery branch in Mauley's battery, entitle him to the distinction and recognition, and mark him as a man well equipped for the position of high rank for which it is reported he has been selected by the war department.

The story that the Spanish Cadiz fleet intends to bombard Boston should be taken with a dose of salt. It is not probable that a Spanish fleet would do anything quite so foolish in the absence of a convenient base of supplies. Moreover, any naval fleet which Spain has to spare will hardly be utilized in an exploit that would accomplish nothing that would have a bearing on bringing about an end to the war, or add to the Spanish chance of success.

The bluster and boast of the Spaniards before the departure of the Cape Verde fleet for this side of the Atlantic, that it was coming over to "destroy the American navy," was hardly consistent with the dodging game that the fleet has been playing since its arrival. The Spaniards have not anywhere or on any occasion, from the beginning to the present, shown a consuming desire to get into an engagement with the American

forces. Certainly, Cervera has not acted as though he were ambitious to risk conclusions with a fleet with twice his fighting strength. And who can blame him?

An editorial paragraph in yesterday's Intelligencer concerning the naval vessel Monterey, which is to be sent to join Dewey's fleet, made the name of the ship "Montgomery." Montgomery is a good enough American name for an American vessel, and the suspiciously foreign appearance and accent of the name Monterey may have caused the inadvertence on the part of the compositor and proof reader.

The French government is waking up to the harmfulness of the anti-American campaign which has been conducted by the Parisian press, and it is time for such an awakening. France has infinitely more to lose from such a course on the part of its newspapers than has the United States.

The expectation of defeat, evidenced by an interview with the Spanish minister of the interior, Senor Capdepon, is no more than the Spanish leaders have held all along. The difference is that Capdepon is more frank than his compatriots.

"CURSING JOE LEITER."

The Iniquitous Course Pursued by Certain "Enlightened" Journalists.

Washington Post: Two New York newspapers—great metropolitan dailies, of course—are now busily engaged in arousing the passions of the ignorant and credulous people who compose their constituencies against Mr. Joseph Leiter of Chicago. They speak of "Joe Leiter cursed by hungry toilers," and paint dreadful pictures of starving families who have been reduced to want by Joe Leiter's manipulations of the wheat market. The old familiar cuts which did such faithful service in picturing the famished Cuban concentrados are now worked over again for the purpose of illustrating Joe Leiter's callous cruelty to the toiling masses.

It is some old direful and vicious activity of the agitator who thrives by fanning class hatred into flame, who puts money in his purse by the base device of posing as the champion of the poor, and it is made especially sinister in this case by the attempt to concentrate popular resentment upon a single, if a representative individual. The misguided thousands who read these infamous publications are taught to regard Mr. Leiter as their ruthless and vindictive persecutor, and the class to which he belongs as deliberate and bitter enemies of the poor. He is held up to execration as the cause of all their sufferings, and is portrayed as contemptuously gloating over the ruin he has wrought. But for Joe Leiter the "noble, honest, high-minded toilers" would now be sleek and well fed, and happy. But for his detestable conspiracy, that famished baby gasping on its mother's breast would be a miracle of health and strength. Joe Leiter has done it all. He hides in a luxurious and safe retreat, and there, protected against the despairing fury of the millions he has trodden beneath his cruel heel, he weaves the fiendish web of his designs.

To how many of these poor, deluded creatures will it occur that Mr. Leiter is no more responsible for the rise in the price of wheat than he was for the latest speculation of the sun? To about as many as will stop to consider that the added cost of the bread they consume is hardly perceptible to the individual. Mr. Leiter did not make the advance. That advance was the result of causes over which he had no more control than he has over the forces of nature. He foresaw it, and he used his presence to advantage. This is all. The rise would have occurred just the same if no such person as Joe Leiter were in existence. Short crops abroad, the prospects and emergencies of war—a dozen factors which Mr. Leiter could no more control than he could change the courses of the stars—have brought about the conditions we are discussing here. Yet the infamous misrepresentation is employed by the prophets of anarchy, and thousands of benighted people are racked with hatred and despair in order that two or three newspapers may reap upon their scanty pennies by appealing to their credulity and prejudice.

We say nothing in defense of Mr. Leiter. He needs no exculpation with decent and honest and enlightened men. He is one of many who have profited by perfectly logical, not to say inevitable commercial movement, and is no more responsible for that movement than he is for the climatic conditions in Asia and Europe and South America which cut short the foreign harvests. But we have no fitting words of condemnation for incendiary newspapers which are using this occasion to inflame the working classes against an innocent young man, and which have as their ruling motive the fostering of class hatred and the destruction of society.

Compulsive.

Memphis Scimitar: A Memphis traveling man just in from a trip to interior Mississippi points, brings a copy of a letterhead used by a country merchant in a remote district. It reads as follows: "Blank & Co., dealers in furniture, hardware, groceries, drugs, coffins, tobacco, snuff, fruits, dry goods, saddles, nails, candles, soaps, cider, vinegar, groceries, needles and threads, clothing, hats, caps, boots and shoes, country produce bought and sold, agents for the life insurance company, will also take your measure for tailor-made suits, lively stable in connection." And then in parenthesis: "Mrs. Blank takes boarders." The drummer says he expects to find the enterprising Blank & Co. selling steamboats on the next visit.

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Of Presbyterian Church—Report of Missions to Freedmen.

WINONA LAKE, Ind., May 23.—At the Presbyterian general assembly today, after devotional exercises, led by Rev. William G. White, of Youngstown, a resolution was introduced by Rev. Horatio J. Olmstead, of Galveston, providing for an unimpaired committee of five to confer with a like committee from the Southern Presbyterian church, looking to a union of the two denominations. It was promptly referred to the committee on bills and overtures, where similar orders are already under consideration. There being no miscellaneous reports, the assembly proceeded at once to the consideration of the report of the board of missions to freedmen.

The board reported that it began the year under the discouragement incident to the burning of the main educational institution at Anniston, Ala. The record of the year was one of retrenchment. The report says: "We have pushed economy to the verge of parsimony, but spite of all efforts the board ended the year with a debt of \$38,062, an increase of over \$2,000 since 1897. This was due to a decrease of \$2,223 in contributions received. The schools operated have been reduced from 67 to 53, of all grades. Under the board are 187 ministers, 322 churches and 200 ministers. The total receipts were \$128,900, of which the churches gave \$56,429, and the women's board \$45,108. The expenditures aggregated, including the deficit, \$188,875. The board of education reported that it had on its rolls the names of 814 candidates for the ministry, 153 of whom were accepted last year. It rejected the applications of 32 names. The amount given to each student was not stated, but the hope was expressed that next year the stipend would be increased to \$30. The income of the board was \$66,361, an increase of \$876 over 1897. Contributions were received from 3,523 churches. The indebtedness reported in 1897 has been slightly reduced, now being \$7,720. Under the charge of the board there are 27 students in academies, 246 in colleges, and 441 in fifteen theological schools, of whom 121 are at Princeton, 91 at McCormick, in Chicago, 62 at Western, in Allegheny, Pa., 32 each in Auburn and Lincoln, and 23 at Danville, Ky. At Union Seminary, New York, there are none, that institution having been taken off the list of the assembly.

Afterward the assembly was addressed by Dr. Edward P. Cowan, secretary of the board, and by several colored commissioners.

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